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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Rutland :

We hereby present for your inspection our annual report. The auditors have examined all orders drawn by the selectmen for the past fiscal year to February 18, inclusive, 109 in number, amounting in all to \$3,941 45, of which sum \$520 32 was for old indebtedness, and \$3,361 13 for current expenses from the sixteenth of February, 1878, to the eighteenth of February, 1879. No claims against the town of any amount known to the selectmen are unpaid, except claims for injuries on the highway which will appear in the town agent's report.

BRIDGES.

Our bridges have not required so large an expenditure this year as formerly. A few new bridges of from twenty to thirty feet span have been well and thoroughly built, at cost corresponding to the hard times and low prices. The Billing's bridge, over Otter Creek, needs new flooring and floor timbers. East Creek bridge west of the village requires small repairs; East Creek bridge on Tater street, new shingling; and other bridges will require small outlays during the season.

HIGHWAYS.

Chapel street in West Rutland has been laid from the west side of the old highway, opposite F. A. Morse's drug store, westerly to a line, the continuation of the west line of the chapel lot, belonging to the Congregational society, some twenty rods in length. The damages to the Johnson lot (so called) assessed at \$300, but left for referees to adjust.

SCALE AVENUE.

A petition was made last year for a highway from Strong's avenue, East Rutland, westerly to the east line of the Rutland railroad, and was duly laid, as asked for by the petitioners, and made. Recently we have been notified by the Vt. Central

railroad that plank have been laid across their leased road (Rutland railroad) and parties are using it for a highway, as a continuation of Scale avenue. We have notified the Vt. Central railroad that Rutland recognizes no highway in that place west of the east line of the Rutland railroad.

A petition was made for a new highway from some point northeast of the North mills, northeasterly by the head of the new waterworks to East Pittsford mills, about two miles of which proposed road would be in Rutland. Inasmuch as there are now three highways from Pittsford East Mills southerly to Rutland, with hardly taxes enough on their lines to keep them in proper condition, we did not think the business in that direction would warrant the necessary outlay for a new road. Other petitions are now before the selectmen for highways, the most important of which is for a highway from Pine street westerly by the House of Correction to some point in the old highway north of the railroad. This highway would be built at considerable expense, but there are many strong arguments in its favor. The total expense for highways and bridges the past year, exclusive of Chapel street land damage (referees not reported), is \$418 38.

TOWN LIQUOR AGENT.

The report of the town liquor agent is, as usual since managed by the present incumbent, clear and satisfactory. The town's goods in this department were destroyed by fire last February, but nearly covered by insurance, and the insurance amicably adjusted and paid by the Vermont Mutual. It appears that less liquors were sold at this agency the last year than formerly, owing in part to the fire, and in part, perhaps, to the increasing physical and moral good health of our people. The salary of the town liquor agent has been reduced fifty dollars.

TOWN HALL.

The Town hall has been under the management of Selectman Hayward, as heretofore. That the net earnings of the hall would be largely reduced this year was to be expected

after the vote last March meeting giving the hall free for twenty or more nights. The running expenses are from ten to twenty dollars per night. This year the hall account shows a net income of \$41.15; last year it was \$200. The hall is in some respects defective and unattractive, and a few hundred dollars judiciously expended would be a good investment and largely increase its renting capacity.

TOWN LANDS.

The yearly rentals of town lands are not all paid promptly as should be; some are in arrears a number of years, and the Treasurer awaits the direction of the Selectmen, or the town in March meeting, and we call your attention to the case.

PAUPER DEAD.

For forty or more years paupers dying on the old town farm have been buried on a small plot (less than one-eighth of an acre) on the farm, which is now the property of Dr. L. Sheldon. By the terms in the deed the Selectmen agreed for the town to remove these remains from the premises, and Dr. Sheldon insists that they be removed, and claims damage that it has not been done before. If Dr. Sheldon will not sell this plot of ground to the town, and these remains are removed, we would suggest that lettered stone markers, not to exceed three dollars per grave, be erected when removed; or, if the present burial lot be purchased, such markers be erected where the graves now are. The names of all paupers buried by the town the past year are recorded in a book kept for that purpose, with name, age, time of death, and where buried, and civilization demands that markers be erected.

TOWN FARM.

That part of the town farm the Selectmen were empowered to sell, has not been disposed of, but inasmuch as too much land is a damage to the town, we recommend that the same authority to sell be conferred upon our successors.

DOG LICENSE.

During the past year 383 licenses have been issued for dogs,
amounting to \$776 00

The Town Clerk's fees were \$77 60

Claims for damages were allowed

amounting to..... 54 00

Expenses adjusting same... .. 6 50

Town Clerk's report book..... 4 25

Town Clerk, for advertising..... 1 50

\$143 85

Leaving the town on dog license a net income of \$632 15

Some damage by dogs last year is collectable and the Treasurer awaits instruction.

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

We are now paying a weekly stipend towards the support of seven inmates of the Reform School, an increase of two since our last annual report. Some of these have been sentenced for very trivial offenses, and we have taken measures that we trust will effect their discharge. While we believe the Reform School is a beneficial institution and admirably managed by its present superintendent and subordinates, we nevertheless cannot close our eyes to the fact that its receiving doors are by law bound to open at the fiat of any one of Vermont's great number of justice courts, and through these courts towns can cheaply dispose of their poor orphans and children that require town aid. The law of 1878 may in great part remedy this evil so far as children over ten years of age are concerned, but while children under ten cannot by law be sentenced to the Reform School, Vermont justice courts do sentence children as young as six years, for trivial or drummed up offenses, to pay a *fine* and costs, and to stand *committed* until the same be paid.

We admit that the Reform School is a far better place to incarcerate such a child than any other penal institution in the State, but then the whole proceedings may be gotten up to get rid of the poor little waif. What mockery of justice to sentence a poor child, six years of age, to pay a fine and costs, and

imprisonment until paid! What does such a child know about money, or how to earn money, especially when a prisoner? The Reform School was not intended for *infants*, but for the punishment and reformation of juvenile offenders over ten years of age. When the "Peace and dignity of the State" is assailed by the conduct of a child of six or seven years of age, rather let the penalty fall upon the father or guardian, or if there be no father or guardian, then upon the town that should provide a protector. We trust no Rutland justice of the peace will, by his official action, cause our town to be unpleasantly criticised.

INSANE PAUPERS.

Rutland has but one insane pauper in the State Insane Asylum, and he is so improved that the Overseer of the Poor suggests that he be removed to our town farm, where his labor will pay for his support.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. W. H. Johnson claimed damages—horse injured, carriage and harness broken—sustained in consequence of heap of sand left in highway to repair sidewalk on West street. Settled and paid seventy-five dollars in full.

Mr. B. Benjamin was injured by a defective grating in sidewalk near the store of E. Pierpoint, Centre street. Adjusted and paid, fifty dollars.

We paid John Crapo one dollar fifty cents damage to wagon on Woodstock avenue.

Mr. Asa Keneson was allowed and paid fifteen dollars damages to horse in a sewer grate near Cheney's store, Main street.

Sewer grates should be placed out of the line of travel so far as possible, and the bars in the grates should be parallel with the line of travel to prevent the toe calk of a horse from being held between the bars.

Mr. J. L. Patch was allowed and paid sixteen dollars twenty-five cents for damages to horses and wagon on highway near Sutherland Falls.

Mr. W. B. Sargent was paid five dollars for damages sustained on highway in West Rutland.

Other claims have been presented, some for trifling damages and others, as we think, without any tenable basis as against the town.

Corporations or individuals placing obstructions in the highway, or rendering the same defective, are liable to the town for all damage resulting therefrom.

By vote of the town the Rutland Railroad tax case was referred to the Selectmen. After examining the matter we accepted the offer of the railroad company to pay one-half the taxes for the years 1875 and 1876 and the full taxes for 1877.

The outstanding matters with the Collector, which were referred to the Selectmen, have been amicably adjusted. We accepted as valid a verbal settlement between the Collector and a former board of Selectmen, which disposed of all matters in dispute prior to the year 1875. Since and including the year 1875 the Collector pays into the town Treasury all the money collected by him which belongs to the town. By the system now adopted similar errors will not occur in the future.

The present town Treasurer has already served the town a number of years without any compensation. He has instituted several reforms and in all respects has performed the duties of the office in the best manner. We suggest that a moderate annual salary be voted for past and future services. We do this without any request or knowledge on his part. An efficient incumbent in this office should be retained as long as possible, and we are confident the town will not ask for continuous service in one of its most responsible offices without reasonable compensation.

The reports in detail of the several town officers will be found annexed.

H. H. DYER,	} <i>Selectmen.</i>
SAM'L HAYWARD,	
SAM'L BOARDMAN,	

Rutland, Vt., February 18, 1879.

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN FROM DATE
OF LAST REPORT, FEB. 16, 1878, TO
FEB. 18, 1879.

no. 1878.

*1	Feb. 23,	R. N. Patch, stone for culverts....	\$ 2 00
2		C. K. Williams, work in town offices.....	10 00
3	Mar. 8,	D. & H. C. Co., cars to West Rut- land and return.....	50 00
4	9,	Geo. N. Pitts, wood for town offices	4 50
5	16,	Samuel Boardman, services as overseer.....	300 00
*6		J. D. Hanrahan, medical services by vote of town.....	122 50
*7		Peoples Gas Light Co., gas for creek bridge and town offices	9 60
*8	22,	Melzer Edson, use of tomb to date	10 00
*9		W. C. Landon, road scrapers and sundries.....	17 45
10		Franklin Billings, recording births and deaths.....	2 25
*11	23,	Samuel Parker, Treas., District 13, by vote of town.....	24 03
*12		E. Pierpoint, house rent in 1874, contract of Daniel Wing.....	78 79
*13	Apr. 6,	C. H. Granger, work for town to date.....	108 50
*14	18,	Miss I. M. Brown, transfers and other work.....	100 85
15	20,	Thos. Ross, castings for repairs town hall.....	7 69
*16		L. W. Redington, legal services to date.....	14 84
*17		L. W. Redington, State v. Callahan in full.....	10 00
17	May 7,	Reform School, three months....	31 45
19	18,	People's Gas Light Co., gas bridge, and offices.....	8 00
20	June 1,	Herald & Globe, advertising....	4 50
21		Wayne Bailey, register, insane pau- per costs.....	34 00
22		Davis & Curtis, coal town clerk's office.....	6 00
*23		J. E. Johnson, keeping tramps, &c., as per bill.....	24 25
24	5,	James Brown, work for listers....	12 13
*25	17,	B. Benjamin, injury on sidewalk	50 00

26	22, Curtis & Putnam, road scraper...	6 00
*27	24, Geo. Willis, abatement, Pat McLaughlin.....	85
*28	29, Tuttle & Co., account to date as per bill.....	140 66
*29	July 19, Globe Paper Co., printing town reports and blank books.....	73 90
30	H. A. Sawyer & Co., three blank books.....	6 50
31	27, J. Q. Smith, school tax on town farm.....	30 00
32	Aug. 2, Reform School, three months to August 1, 1878.....	34 28
*33	5, C. L. Long, work on town clerks' office.....	1 25
34	23, People's Gas Light Co., bridge and offices.....	9 80
35	24, John E. Crapo, damage on high- way.....	1 50
36	30, Van Ness Morgan, building bridge District 8.....	20 00
37	Sept. 2, W. B. Sargent, damage on high- way.....	5 00
38	19, D. & H. C. Co., cars to and from West Rutland.....	48 00
39	Caleb Buffum, work on highway, district No. 2.....	62 25
40	John Cain, insurance.....	70 65
41	Insane Asylum, insane paupers to Aug. 1, 1878.....	118 29
42	27, Walter E. Wood, plank for bridges in District 5.....	9 50
43	Patrick Kelly, work on highway..	10 00
44	Oct. 1, A. J. Mead, services as lister.....	110 00
45	Orin Thomas, " " ".....	110 00
46	C. V. R. R., cars to and from Sutherland Falls, election....	30 00
47	14, Edgar Davis, recording births and deaths.....	1 65
48	Daniels & Fish, wood, town offices,	8 00
49	Nov. 5, Curtis & Putnam, coal, town hall and offices.....	42 75
50	Van Ness Morgan, work on bridge, District 7.....	5 00
51	J. Q. Ryan, work and materials on town hall.....	14 42
52	Lee K. Osgood, work on highway,	13 75
53	6, Charles Bunting, " " "	12 00

54	29, J. L. Patch, damages “ “	16 25
55	30, W. G. Fairbank, Supt., bills at Reform School 3 months to Oct. 1, 1878,.....	46 14
56	Dec. 2, Arthur McKerney, work on highway, District 7.....	12 00
57	Sam'l Boardman, work on highway District 7.....	26 32
57	14, People's Gas Light Co., bridge and offices.	13 60
58	Joel C. Baker, legal services to date,	24 00
*59	17, Reynolds Bradley, work on bridge, District 10.....	10 50
60	Tuttle & Co., printing check list, &c.....	52 80
61	James M. Reed, work on highway, District 12.....	7 40
62	Dunn & Cramton, work and materials, town hall and offices,	21 24
63	21, J. A. Salisbury, board of civil authority.....	8 00
64	Martin G. Everts, services as lister,	116 25
65	24, Frank Smith, damage by dogs....	25 00
66	25, A. B. Reynolds, “ “ “	6 00
67	John H. Mead, “ “ “	10 00
68	Frank Hele, “ “ “	5 60
69	Sam'l Boardman, “ “ “	8 00
70	Carleton Giddings, costs in settling dog damage	1 00
71	Wm. M. Field, do.....	1 00
72	H. A. Dyer, do.....	3 30
73	Sam'l Boardman, do.....	1 20
74	Sam'l Boardman, taking insane to Brattleboro.	23 00
75	Jan. 11, Chas. H. Sheldon, recording births and deaths.....	12 90
*76	Bardwell House stables, Kelly road.....	7 00
77	O. L. Robbins, services as lister..	332 40
78	Asa Kenison, damage on highway.	15 00
79	18, C. F. & Geo. Richardson, livery bill.....	24 70
80	Samuel Hayward, taking insane to Brattleboro, &c.....	27 50
81	Tuttle & Co., books for poor children and sundries.....	8 40
82	Herald & Globe, advertising.....	11 00
83	A. C. Bates & Son, hotel bill and sundries clerk's office.....	14 05

84	W. H. Johnson, damage on highway.....	75 00
84	Geo. Willis, time and expenses in tax suit of Holmes.....	8 70
85	29, Ripley Sons, sewer pipe and marble,	28 25
86	Wm. T. Burrage, recording births and deaths.....	2 25
87	Silas Giddings, do.....	1 20
88	Feb. 1, E. C. Lewis, services as lister....	120 50
89	Isabella M. Brown, transfers.....	20 00
90	D. M. White & Co., lumber for bridges.....	51 57
91	F. O. Hickey, care of insane pauper,	20 00
92	3, Geo. C. Thrall, recording births and deaths.....	2 25
93	5, P. R. Kendall, Atty. Kelly v. Rutland, judgment and costs....	167 42
94	8, Davis & Gould, road scraper.....	7 50
95	W. G. Fairbank, Supt., three months to January 1, 1879,..	45 00
96	T. H. Cochran, recording births and deaths.....	2 85
97	15, Geo. Willis taxes on town farm..	* 51 95
98	C. H. Granger, making all tax books for year and keeping Selectmen's record.....	100 00
*99	Executor estate A. A. Nicholson, bill for making deed.....	1 00
*100	S. W. Rowell, recording births and deaths.....	27 15
101	Edward Tuliper, wood town offices,	6 00
102	M. & H. O. Edson, lumber for bridges to date.....	127 55
103	Franklin Billings, recording births and deaths.....	2 70
*104	Sutherland Falls Marble Co., work and materials on bridge.....	6 35
*105	A. D. Slack, bill in Crossman matter.....	6 00
106	17, M. G. Everts, legal services and costs to date.....	98 94
107	Mansfield & Stimson, work and materials for bridges.....	13 79
108	H. H. Dyer, services as Town Agent.....	10 00
109	H. H. Dyer, sundry bills paid....	2 25
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		\$3,941 45

*Old Indebtedness.

TOWN AGENT'S REPORT.

To the citizens of Rutland:

Suit was brought against the town September term, 1877, for injuries sustained by Mrs. Adelia M. Ferris of Jackson, Mich., for alleged insufficiency of highway near the marble mill at the double road crossing, so called, north of Centre Rutland. Damages laid at three thousand dollars. Also suit by husband, Mr. Ferris, for loss of time and expenses, resulting from same accident, for one thousand dollars. The suit for the larger sum was tried at last term of court and resulted in a verdict in favor of the town. No exceptions taken, and by agreement no costs to be charged the plaintiff.

A justice suit was brought by Evelyn Pierpoint to recover from the town rent of house for pauper for 1874 and 1875. Judgment was recovered for the rent for 1874, amounting with interest and costs to \$78.79.

A suit was brought by S. F. Kelly to recover damages arising from the reopening of the Campbell Hill road, so called. Damages and costs recovered amounted to \$167.42.

A list of cases embraced in abstracts furnished the Treasurer by Justices of the Peace up to 1st December, 1877, has recently been handed me, containing twenty-four cases of fines and costs amounting to \$386.02. None of this list of appealed cases were entered in the County Court, and it is the Grand Juror's business rather than the Town Agent's to keep track of them.

Perhaps, under the circumstances, it would be as well for the town to remit these old fines and costs, and require Grand Jurors to do their full duty in the future. It is wrong for too trivial cases to be drummed up to keep "Justice of the Peace Courts" running at the expense of the town, and only follow the cases, so far as to collect the costs from the town treasury.

H. H. DYER, *Town Agent.*

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

To the Citizens of Rutland :

The operations of the poor department the past year have required a full average outlay ; caused in part by the suspension of most of the marble quarries during a portion of the winter months, and the nearly total failure of the potato crop, upon which many poor families rely to help them through the winter.

The names of all those assisted outside the poor farm, with the amount to each, and an abstract of all orders drawn on the Treasurer, will be found on another page.

The salary of the Superintendent at the Town farm is paid to April 1, 1879. All other bills are paid to March 1. The unsettled accounts will not amount to one hundred dollars. There were twenty-eight paupers at the farm last March. Eight have been admitted during the year ; one has been discharged and four have died. The names and ages of the present inmates, given in order as received, will be found appended.

Several hundred dollars annually have heretofore been paid the jailor for board of prisoners incarcerated in the county jail. Investigation showed that most of these bills were chargeable to the State ; and nothing has been paid on this account the past year.

Reference is made to the inventory annexed as to the condition of property at the farm. Four old cows have been disposed of, and eight head of cattle and one horse added.

The title to a house and lot in the northeast part of the town, owned by Nathaniel Stafford, who applied to and has been helped by the town, has been transferred to the town. The value is estimated at \$200. There are several other places owned by persons who are supported by the town, which should be deeded to the town.

Every case of destitution which has come to my knowledge has been attended to, and no case, so far as I know, has occurred of suffering for the necessaries of life.

SAMUEL HAYWARD, *Overseer.*

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NAMES AND AGES OF PRESENT INMATES OF POOR HOUSE.

NAME.	AGE.	NAME.	AGE.
Pingen, William	27	Nary, William	72
Crowley, Thomas	72	McGowan, Thomas	76
Pratt, Thadeus	63	Stebbins, Charles	26
Nary, James	77	Perry, James M.	62
Hagan, James	63	Tyfair, Peter	70
Frowley, Patrick	73	Tyfair, Mrs. Peter	70
Fee, Mary	24	Brown, Thomas	79
Child of Mary Fee,	3	McKean, Catherine	70
Colligan, Bridget	69	Kellogg, Daniel E.	51
Nary, Margaret	73	Winslow, Myron	76
Robinson, Mary	25	Thompson, James	75
Child of Mary Robinson,	5	Conway, Mary	70
McMann, Thomas	68	Murphy, Patrick	70
Gilligan, Dominick	72	Dyer, Mrs. George	72
McGuire, James	52	Golvin, Edward	25
Dyer, George	75		

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER BY SAMUEL HAYWARD IN PAYMENT OF BILLS CONTRACTED BY SAMUEL BOARDMAN AS OVERSEER.

NO.		
3	E. H. Boardman.....	\$37 27
5	Enoch Smith.....	4 00
6	Edgar Davis.....	28 50
8	Artemas Ward.....	20 00
11	W. C. Landon.....	15 05
32	Samuel Hayward.....	24 00
38	T. H. Cochran.....	39 14
40	Charles A. Parker.....	13 73
41	J. A. Mead.....	10 75
44	W. H. Woodward.....	14 62
46	H. E. Tuttle & Co.....	57 85
49	Davis & Curtis.....	2 85
57	John Magan.....	8 00
139	Chas. P. Harris & Co.. .	3 00
153	Daniel Fosburgh.....	8 00
164	C. F. Richardson.....	15 50
171	James Sage.....	5 00
197	Dunton & Hayward.....	8 98

\$316 24

ORDERS DRAWN ON THE TREASURER BY SAM'L
HAYWARD, FOR BILLS CONTRACTED AS OVER-
SEER.

No.		
1	Bairna, Patrick.....	\$38 65
2	Van Sleck, Marshall.....	3 00
4	Hewitt, Nathan.....	5 00
7	Davis, Edgar.....	24 00
9	Higgins, Loraine.....	8 00
10	Johnson, J. E.....	16 00
12	Seward, W. H.....	36 00
13	Pond, E. A.....	10 00
14	Putnam, J. H.....	10 00
15	Cane, Patrick.....	5 00
17	Owen, W. H. B.....	4 00
18	Woodward, W. H.....	102 00
19	McManus, Peter.....	12 00
20	Pierpoint, E.....	13 00
21	Cheney, G. H. & H. W.....	46 00
22	Edson, J. A.....	10 00
23	Marshall, B. W.....	23 00
24	O'Neil, Edward.....	2 00
25	Quin, Michael.....	8 00
26	Glynn, J. E.....	17 10
27	Welch, Thomas.....	7 00
28	Mullin Bros.....	2 00
29	Tuttle, H. E. & Co.....	5 00
30	Vaughn, F... ..	13 00
31	Caden, J. & T.....	38 00
33	Hayward, Samuel.....	54 40
34	Spaulding, Richard M.....	30 50
35	Saunders, Frank.....	6 60
36	Brown, H. H. & Co.....	16 00
37	Rutland Marble Co.....	19 00
39	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	105 49

43	Woodward, W. H.....	37 00
45	Tuttle, H. E. & Co.....	13 50
47	Engrem, John.....	18 00
47	Hilliard, G. W.....	9 48
48	Cunningham, A. O.....	15 35
50	Davis & Curtis.....	66 46
51	Slack, A. D.....	36 50
52	Valiquette, A.....	20 20
53	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	397 51
54	Hayward, S.....	42 00
55	Brodeur, C.....	5 80
56	Woodward, W. H.....	331 50
58	Gaffney, Mary.....	15 75
59	Cramton, J. W.....	104 00
60	Smith, D. H.....	125 00
61	Hanrahan, J. D.....	50 00
62	Fagan, Thomas.....	14 40
63	Campbell, Chas. H.....	36 25
64	Hilliard, Geo. W.....	12 94
66	Curtis & Putnam.....	55 50
66	Valiquette, L.....	25 00
67	Slack, A. D.....	2 95
68	Smith, D. H.....	8 00
69	Hayward, Myron.....	64 00
70	Olmsted, Chas. H.....	10 00
71	Mason & Palmer.....	40 35
72	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	149 00
63	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	23 55
75	Woodward, W. H.....	118 00
76	Woodward, W. H.....	51 84
77	Meyerhoffer, V. C.....	3 50
78	McGiinnis, Edward.....	42 00
80	Woodward, W. H.....	21 00
81	Welch, Thomas.....	30 00
82	Gannon, John.....	54 00
83	Mullin Bros.....	30 00
85	Tuttle, H. E. & Co.....	48 00
86	Parker & Thrall.....	53 32
87	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	34 00

88	McManus, Peter.....	21 00
89	Caden, J. & T.....	60 00
90	Edson, J. A.....	34 00
91	Marshall, B. W.....	35 00
92	Pierpoint, E.....	24 00
93	Powers, C. J.....	11 00
94	Cheney, G. H. & H. W.....	92 00
95	Billings, B. & D. C.....	58 00
96	Brown, H. H. & Co.....	71 00
97	Vaughn, F.....	35 00
98	Cane, Patrick.....	16 00
99	Landon, W. C.....	11 64
100	Chaffee, F.....	10 50
101	Hanrahan, J. D.....	25 00
102	Pond, E. A.....	25 00
103	Smith, D. H.....	125 00
104	Rutland Marble Co.....	48 00
105	Tuliper, Edward.....	10 20
106	Ryan, John Q.....	34 00
107	Brodeur, C.....	6 05
108	Olmsted, Chas.....	6 40
108	Proctor, Redfield.....	25 00
110	Fagan, Thomas.....	14 75
111	Olmsted, Chas.....	3 25
113	Marshall, B. W.....	14 00
114	Curtis & Putnam.....	70 15
115	Edson, J. A.....	88 00
116	Ross, C. E.....	26 54
117	Currier, O. W.....	13 55
118	Mason & Palmer.....	66 50
119	Powers, C. J.....	18 00
120	Colburn, H. E.....	30 00
121	Billings, B. & D. C.....	71 00
122	Cane, Patrick.....	21 00
123	Caden, J. & T.....	34 00
124	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	124 22
125	Chaffee, F.....	25 00
126	Pierpoint, E.....	11 00
127	Vaughn, F.....	57 50

128	Cheney, G. H. & H. W.....	60 00
129	Gannon, John.....	87 00
130	Rutland Marble Co.....	35 00
131	Brown, H. H. & Co.....	42 00
132	Welch, Thomas.....	39 00
133	Magan, John.....	8 31
134	Parker & Thrall.....	82 72
135	McManus, Peter.....	33 00
136	Tuttle, H. E. & Co.....	19 82
137	Mullin Bros.....	10 00
138	Woodward, W. H.....	189 65
140	Olmsted, Chas.....	9 90
141	Edson, Ezra.....	29 40
142	Allard, W. J.....	6 90
143	Hayward, Samuel.....	36 00
144	Willis, George.....	28 00
145	Tuliper, Edward.....	14 45
146	Hewitt, Nathan.....	3 50
147	Fish Enos.....	11 58
148	Hanrahan, J. D.....	25 00
149	Pond, E. A.....	25 00
150	McCarty, Charles.....	12 00
151	McGinnis, Edward.....	62 00
152	Giddings, C.....	12 30
153	Griswold, S. H.....	5 00
154	Stewart, Robert.....	98 00
155	Stewart, Robert.....	83 00
156	Spaulding, R. M.....	112 00
157	Morse, E. A.....	5 00
158	White, A.....	2 00
159	Hayward, George.....	85 00
160	Smith, D. H.....	125 00
161	White, A.....	2 00
162	Tuliper, Edward.....	11 60
163	Davis, Edgar.....	22 00
165	Powers, C. J.....	6 00
166	Cramton, J. W.....	132 00
167	Morse, E. A.....	3 50
168	Fenn, Francis.....	2 90

169	Herald & Globe	2 00
170	Cramton, J. W.....	8 00
172	Landon, W. C.....	5 78
173	Hilliard, Geo. W.. ..	19 39
174	Cane, Patrick.....	19 00
175	Collins, Bat.	12 00
176	Pierpoint, E... ..	35 00
177	Cunningham, A. O.....	15 15
178	Marshall, B. W.....	33 00
179	Edson, J. A.	23 00
180	Lewis, E. C.....	9 10
181	Billings, B. & D. C.....	54 80
182	Davis & Gould.....	58 00
183	Caden, J. & T.....	93 50
183	Cheney, G. H. & H. W.....	45 00
183	Vaughn, F.....	69 00
184	McManus, Peter.....	30 00
185	Olmsted, Chas.....	8 50
186	Keyes, E. D. & Co.....	122 81
186	Curtis & Putnam.....	14 00
187	O'Neil, Edward.....	49 50
188	Billings, B. & D. C.....	5 00
189	Cooney, Thomas.....	4 50
189	Atwell, James.....	10 00
190	Rutland Marble Co.....	30 00
191	Brown, H. H. & Co.....	88 00
192	Welch, Thomas.....	75 50
193	Mullin Bros.....	6 00
194	Campbell, C. H.....	8 50
195	Colligan, Patrick.....	24 90
196	Gannon, John.	113 00
198	Magau, John.....	12 86
199	Woodward, W. H.....	269 54
200	Parker & Thrall.....	129 69
201	Tuttle, H. E. & Co.....	58 50
202	Shed, F. W.....	97 00
203	Sheldon, H. G.....	24 00
204	Smith, D. H.	125 00
205	Mead, J. A.....	50 00

206	Brown, Henry ..	25 00
207	Dunton & Hayward.....	12 25
208	Quin, Michael.....	14 50
209	Slack, A. D.....	100 00
210	Tuliper, Edward.....	33 00
211	Tuliper, Edward.....	12 60
212	Austin, Anthony.....	23 25
213	Hayward, Samuel.....	40 50
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		\$8,074 79

NAMES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE RECEIVED
ASSISTANCE OUTSIDE OF POOR FARM.

Archibald, Elizabeth.....	\$ 8 00
Barrows, Mrs. Jane.....	85 35
Burbank, Mrs. Albert.....	4 00
Barker, Mrs. Susan.....	69 75
Brown, Mrs. Margaret.....	89 95
Butterfly, Charles.....	46 85
Brislin, Barney... ..	14 50
Burns, Mrs. Mary.....	107 45
Brown, James.....	8 20
Battles, Patrick.....	20 00
Burrows, J. W.....	4 00
Boynton, Mary.....	31 20
Buckley, John.....	11 00
Bashaw, O.....	50 00
Boseley, Michael.....	23 30
Butterfly, James.....	8 00
Belland, Geo.....	6 00
Colligan, John.....	94 06
Carroll, Barney.....	53 95
Callahan, Mrs. James.....	65 50
Carmody, Mrs. Roger.....	85 00
Carroll, Mrs. Patrick.....	93 50
Clancy, Patrick.....	45 00
Costello, Mrs. Bridget.....	85 90

Comisky, Mrs. Kate.....	40 90
Corbet, John.....	34 25
Cooney, Mrs.....	58 05
Clark, Orange.....	13 00
Crowley, Patrick.....	15 00
Colligan, Honora.....	38 70
Cagney, William.....	10 00
Daughan, Mrs. Martin.....	62 65
Deeland, James.....	12 00
David, Joseph.....	10 00
Doyle, Mrs. Luke.....	117 80
Durant, Adeline.....	4 00
Dominy, Mrs. G.....	6 00
Derware, Napoleon.....	16 00
Dyer, Mrs. Mary.....	2 00
Doyle, John.....	1 00
Dewey, Julia.....	10 00
Elmore, Mrs. William.....	33 30
Eagan, William.....	15 00
Erickson, John.....	2 00
Eaton, Edward.....	6 00
Farrell, Mrs. John.....	13 50
Fagan, Patrick.....	32 30
Foster, Mrs. Mary..	58 45
Foster, William P.....	13 00
Flanagan, Widow.....	128 50
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Margaret.....	30 40
Farrell, Luke.....	52 00
Foster, Mrs. Aaron.....	62 55
Flannery, Michael.....	12 50
Gurry, John.....	6 00
Gilrain, James.....	22 65
Goslaw, Francis.....	39 50
Gleason, Mrs. Michael.....	2 20
Goslow, M.....	7 90
Garrety, Michael.....	3 00

Gates, Mrs. Nancy.....	7 00
Gorman, John.....	28 00
Harrison, Christopher and wife.....	86 03
Hacket, Peter.....	66 50
Hance, Michael.....	109 35
Harrison, Thomas.....	24 00
Hill, Lewis.....	54 75
Hart, Archie.....	10 00
Hogan, Patrick.....	32 00
Hazleton, Mrs. William.....	8 50
Irving, Mrs. William.....	132 50
Jared, Antony.....	6 60
Johnson, Richard.....	8 00
Johnson, Bridget.....	5 25
Johnson, Mrs. Medrick.....	12 00
Kellogg, Mrs.....	8 42
Kent, James.....	10 00
Kilburn, Harriet.....	4 00
Kennedy, Chrisley.....	83 50
Laselle, Philip.....	45 90
Larock, Mrs. Lucy.....	17 90
Lamphire, A.....	3 00
Lovely, Mrs. Joseph.....	29 50
Lorette, Mrs.....	10 20
Liston, Ann.....	8 75
Muler, Betsey.....	10 00
Mann, William.....	6 00
Mercier, Archie.....	17 00
Marooney, Mrs. James.....	135 00
McCue, Maria.....	73 50
McCue, Bridget.....	48 00
McCarty, Charles.....	39 00
Murphy, Michael.....	35 50
Mossy, Mary.....	1 44
Mercier, Paul.....	6 00

Moreau, Ed.....	12 00
Maloney, Brine.....	40 00
McCarty, Widow.....	12 00
Milan, Thomas.....	64 31
Murray, James.....	21 00
McClellan, Mrs. Julia.....	23 00
McTierney, Patrick.....	6 00
McDonough, Mary.....	2 20
McLean, Minnie.....	5 00
McManus, Mrs. Catharine.....	134 90
Nash, Mrs. James.....	28 00
Oney, David.....	5 00
O'Neil, Mrs. Ellen.....	54 00
O'Laughlin, Mrs. Ellen.....	27 60
O'Brine, Patrick.....	27 00
Freedom, Charles.....	4 40
Powers, Mrs. David.....	70 00
Pistol, Mrs. Francis.....	13 00
Potter, Henrietta.....	1 40
Palmer, W. H.....	56 30
Powers, David.....	4 00
Ryan, Mary Ellen.....	85 95
Rice, Mrs. Christopher.....	7 20
Ryan, Mrs. William.....	122 50
Reed, John.....	106 60
Rix, Kate.....	140 77
Randall, Mrs. S.....	30 00
Root, Mary Jane.....	6 00
Robinson, Mary.....	12 00
Rowe, Geo. E.....	10 00
Short, Louis.....	8 00
Stewart, Walter H.....	45 95
Smith, Mrs. Patrick.....	30 00
Singen, Mrs. James.....	54 90
Stratton, Jane.....	60 60

Sheldon, Aunty	61 50
Stafford, Nathaniel.....	76 40
Scott, Henry.....	8 20
St. Peters, Adolphus..	29 00
Shaw, Fred.....	13 60
Sheridan, Bartly.....	25 00
Shortsleeves, Joseph.....	10 00
Smith, Ransom	37 00
Shanahan, John....	16 00
Talbot, Daniel.....	4 00
Teelon, Widow.....	45 00
Taylor, Mrs. Charity.....	96 55
Teelon, Thomas.....	70 25
Taylor, Mrs. Lucy.....	60 50
Taylor, James.....	4 40
Todd, Robert.....	8 00
Traynor, Thomas.....	37 00
Tiffany, Mrs. Michael....	106 00
Vane, John.....	5 00
Wheeler, Geo. C.....	43 00
Welch, Bridget.....	51 50
Waters, Michael.....	4 40
Walsh, John H.....	13 95
Wise, George.....	53 80
Welch, Thomas.....	9 40
Williams, Cato.....	11 80

INVENTORY AT TOWN FARM, RUTLAND, FEBRUARY 7, 1879.

11	cows, 3 heifers.....	\$ 490 00	
2	bulls.....	50 00	
2	horses.....	185 00	
5	shoats.....	50 00	
24	hens.....	7 00	
			\$ 782 00
30	tons hay.....	330 01	
8	tons straw.....	15 00	
150	bushels oats.....	60 00	
250	" ears corn.....	70 00	
10	" ears seed corn.....	5 00	
			480 00
1	corn sheller.....	8 00	
1	fanning mill.....	25 00	
1	cultivator.....	4 00	
1	side hill plow.....	8 00	
1	corn ".....	8 00	
1	harrow.....	8 00	
1	feed cutter and feed box.....	8 00	
1	mowing machine.....	25 00	
1	horse rake.....	25 00	
1	two horse wagon and hay rack...	50 00	
1	express ".....	40 00	
1	sett traverse sleds, wook rack, whiffletrees and evener.....	25 00	
1	ox cart.....	40 00	
1	" sled.....	10 00	
1	stone boat.....	1 00	
1	single harness.....	15 00	
2	log and 2 trace chains.....	4 00	
2	iron bars.....	4 00	
1	pick.....	1 50	
2	shovels and 1 spade.....	2 00	
3	manure forks.....	2 00	
3	hay ".....	1 50	
5	corn cutters.....	1 00	
7	hand and 1 drag rake.....	2 00	

6	hoes	2 00
1	ox yoke, complete	4 00
5	meal bags.....	1 00
40	dry barrells.....	4 00
3	ladders.....	5 00
1	cauldron kettle.....	10 00
1	beetle and 1 wedge.....	1 00
4	wood saws and horses.	4 00
5	axes and helves.....	3 00
1	wheel barrow	1 00
1	cross cut saw.....	2 00
	augers, chisels, hammer, shaves, saws, bitt stock and bitts.....	10 00
1	set dry measures	1 50
50	bushels potatoes.....	25 00
4	" turnips.....	2 00
2	" salt.....	1 00
2	" beans.....	3 00
50	heads cabbage.....	4 00
5	lbs. butter.....	1 00
25	" lard.....	2 50
100	" soap grease.....	2 00
6	" tea.....	4 50
20	" sugar.....	2 00
50	" dried apples.....	2 50
20	" tallow.....	1 60
25	" dried beef.....	4 50
12	" tabacco.....	6 00
1	bushel pop corn.....	50
5½	bbls. clean pork.....	82 50
1	" beef.....	12 00
1½	" smoaked hams.....	25 00
16	" cider.....	56 00
4	" vinegar	20 00
1	" soap	4 00
7	pork barrells.....	7 00
1	ash pail.....	50
	brass kettle	3 00

375 50

261 60

1	oil safe.....	10 00
1	churn and butter worker.....	6 00
2	large cook stoves and pipe with boiler and furniture.....	62 00
1	small cook stove and pipe.....	12 00
1	large box stove and pipe.....	10 00
5	small " " " "	25 00
35	tin milk pans.....	3 50
6	" pails	3 00
6	wood "	1 00
6	stone jars and jugs.....	1 40
1	tin sprinkler.	1 00
4	wash tubs and 3 wash boards....	3 00
1	cloths wringer.....	5 00
1	clothes basket.....	1 00
1	set clothes bars.....	1 00
1	step ladder.....	2 00
2	long dinning tables.....	8 00
4	tables.....	4 00
8	stands.....	3 00
50	chairs.....	10 00
1	clothes chest.....	1 50
4	lamps.....	2 00
1	hanging lamp.....	2 00
1	lantern.....	1 00
1	dish and 1 dripping pan.....	1 50
2	benches.....	2 00
	table crockery, spoons, knives and forks.....	12 00
6	long towels	2 00
20	candle sticks.....	2 00
23	beds, bedsteads, pillows and cloth- ing complete.....	230 00
8	bedsteads, extra.....	16 00
6	matrasses, "	12 00
10	sheets, "	5 00
2	mirrors.....	1 00
25	bed vessels.....	5 00
2	night chairs.....	3 00

2	cradles.....	1 00	
3	window curtains.....	1 50	
2	clocks	5 00	
1	heavy silver watch and chain.....	15 00	502 90
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			\$2483 00

RECAPITULATION.

Live stock.....	\$ 782 00
Farm produce.....	580 00
Farm tools.....	375 50
Family supplies.....	261 60
Wood.....	81 00
Household furniture.....	502 90
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	\$2,483 00

M. G. EVERTS,	} Listers.
A. J. MEAD,	
E. C. LEWIS,	
O. L. ROBBINS,	

TOWN LIQUOR AGENTS' REPORT.

On the morning of February 24, 1878, all of the town's liquors were destroyed by fire. All matters of town agency were settled to February 1, 1878.

	DR.	CR.
Cash received from sales for 23 days in February.....		\$151 33
Cost of liquor sold in 23 days.....	\$105 94	
“ “ freight on liquors purchased in February.....	5 31—	111 25
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Gross profits on sales for 23 days....		\$40 08
Amount on hand at invoice Feb. 1, 1878, (liquor).....		643 29
Purchased in February, before fire...		184 97
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		\$828 26
Less cost of liquor sold to Feb. 24, '78,	105 94	
Amt. purchases on hand “ “ “		722 32

Amt. confiscated liquors on hand.....		258 25
Total loss, covered by insurance.....		980 57
Less assessment on unexpired term of policy.....		73 11
Net cash received from insurance....		907 46
Cost of purchases in February.....	184 97	
Freight... ..	5 31	
	190 28	
Cash received in February.....	151 33	
Balance unpaid for Feb. purchases...	38 95	
Disposition of insurance money paid Town Treasurer.....	300 00	
Paid balance of purchase in Feb...	38 95—	338 95
New capital to recommence business.		568 51

CASH ACCOUNT.

CR.

DR.

New capital.....		\$568 51
Receipts including sales of bbls. to date, Feb. 1, 1879.. ..		1,579 26
Total....		2,147 77
Paying purchase since Feb. 24, 1878..	1,712 67	
“ freight	14 28	
“ insurance	15 00	
“ agent's salary.....	400 00	
Cash on hand.....	5 82	
	2,147 77	2,147 77

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

DR.

CR.

Liquor on hand Feb. 1, 1879.....		566 40
Cash “ “ “		5 82
Gross profit on Feb. sales.. ..		40 08
		612 30
Cash for insurance.....	568 51	
Net profit.....		48 79

PROFIT AND LOSS FROM THE YEAR'S TRANSACTIONS.

Liquors on hand Feb. 1, 1879.....	\$566 40
Cash " " " "	5 82
Cash paid Town Treasurer	300 00
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	872 22

Liquors on hand Feb. 1, 1878.....	643 29
Profit.....	228 93

The above amount of profit is largely from confiscated liquors not before valued.

E. C. LEWIS, *Agent*.

Receipts for sales last year were.....	\$2,550 90
" " " this " are.....	1,730 59
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Falling off in receipts.....	820 31

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance forwarded from last report.....	\$ 500 81
Cash of George Willis, collector, on town tax, 1875, $\frac{1}{2}$ railroad tax.....	452 39
Cash of George Willis, collector, on town tax, 1876, $\frac{1}{2}$ railroad tax.....	315 87
Cash of George Willis, collector, on town tax, 1877.....	10,774 69
Cash of George Willis, collector, on town tax, 1878.....	21,252 29
Cash of George Willis, collector, on account, excess State book, &c., 1875.....	500 00
Cash of Samuel Hayward for income of Town Hall, 1877.....	200 00
Cash of George Willis, collector, 4 months' interest on railroad taxes.....	47 66
Cash of E. C. Lewis, liquor agent.....	300 00
Cash of G. W. Warren, justice of the peace, unpaid witness fees, 1877, refunded	19 86

Cash of G. W. Warren, fine and costs B. J. Flynn.....	10 06	
Cash of G. W. Warren, fines and costs paid in court, 1878.....	284 36	
Cash of G. W. Warren, fine and cost J. B. Fitzgerald.....	15 12	
Cash of G. W. Warren, fine and cost Mary Lawlor.....	9 66	
Cash of J. E. Leonard, justice of the peace, fine in part, J. Tigue.....	10 00	
Cash of J. Leonard, fine and costs, Wm. Meehan	8 03	
Cash of H. W. Porter, late justice of the peace, fine, Paul Ellis.....	10 00	
Cash of H. W. Porter, fine and costs paid in court, 1876.....	92 65	
Cash of G. W. Crawford, fine and costs Geo. Dewey.....	\$12 87	
Cash of G. W. Crawford, fine and costs B. Collins.....	9 68	
Cash of G. W. Crawford, fine and costs John Traverse.....	6 72	
Cash of G. W. Crawford, fine and costs John Davin.....	14 40	
Cash of G. W. Crawford, fine and costs Dennis Cornine.....	11 80	
Cash of G. W. Crawford, fine and costs John Hannon.....	31 58	
Cash of G. W. Crawford, fine and costs Martin Nolan.....	9 68	
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Cash of Enos C. Fish, Jr., fine and costs Thos. Burke.....	18 40	
Cash of Enos C. Fish, Jr., fine and costs Mrs. W. E. Engrem.....	12 08	
Cash of Enos C. Fish, Jr., fine and costs John Collins.....	7 44	
Cash of Enos C. Fish, Jr., fine and costs Thos. Welch, in part.....	5 00	
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Cash from dog license fund, unexpended balance.	630 65	
	<hr/>	\$35,573 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid interest on U. S. surplus fund.....	\$ 1,194 34
“ 6 orders drawn by J. M. Putnam, overseer..	611 08
“ interest on same.....	127 81
“ 16 orders drawn by T. H. Cochran, overseer,	977 75
“ interest on same.....	122 39
“ 37 orders drawn by S. Boardman, overseer.	921 09
“ interest on same.....	33 48
“ 179 orders drawn by S. Hayward, overseer.	7,131 55
“ interest on same.....	11 17
“ 81 selectmen's orders, current year.....	2,566 07
“ interest on same.....	7 80
“ 51 selectmen's orders, old.....	6,437 35
“ interest on same.....	739 67
“ 16 coupon orders, due July 15, 1877.....	8,000 00
“ interest on same.....	113 84
“ 226 coupons.....	4,538 50
“ H. H. Dyer, interest on selectmen's orders 273, 1875, and 38, 1876, one year.....	118 50
“ H. H. Dyer, interest on selectmen's order 73, 1877, one year.....	50 24
“ Rutland Savings Bank 1 year's interest on \$7,000 overdue bonds:.....	420 00
“ Rutland Savings Bank 6 months interest on \$10,000 bonds due July, 1878.....	300 00
“ Rutland Savings Bank 6 months interest on \$2,000 bonds due July, 1877.....	60 00
“ John Griffin 3 years interest on selectmen's order 269, 1875.....	18 00
“ 3 orders, H. W. Porter, justice of the peace	237 1
“ interest on same.....	20 30
“ Court and grand juror's fees, prosecutions before J. E. Leonard, justice.....	183 05
“ Officers and witnesses, fees before J. E. Leonard, justice.....	130 47
“ Court, grand juror's and State's Attorney's fees, before G. W. Warren, justice.....	293 50
“ Officers and witnesses, fees before G. W. Warren, justice.....	197 90
Balance in treasurer's hands.....	10 76
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	\$35,573 72

The liabilities of the town, as reported by the auditors, Feb. 18, 1878, have been reduced during the year by the following payments:

Town bonds due July 15, 1877.....	\$8,000 00
Selectmen's orders.....	6,437 35
Overseer's orders.....	2,509 92
Coupons.....	419 50
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	\$17,366 77

To which may be added the interest charge for the year, exclusive of coupons paid..... 2,143 20

HENRY F. FIELD, Treasurer.

Rutland, Vt., Feb. 18, 1879.

STATEMENT OF TAXES.

Due on tax bill 1875 as per auditors' report, 1878	\$ 867 54	
One-half railroad taxes abated by selectmen.....		\$ 452 39
Received from collector.....		452 39
Difference in collection fees charged back.....	19 34	
Balance due collector, overpaid.....	17 90	
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	\$904 78	\$904 78
Due on tax bill 1876 as per auditors' report, 1878.....	\$ 1,399 84	
One-half railroad taxes abated by selectmen.....		\$ 315 87
Received from collector.....		315 87
Abatements made by civil authority.....		31 59
Collection fees due collector.....		862 09
Errors in abatement, &c., charged back.....	17 32	
Balance due collector.....	108 26	
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	\$1,525 42	\$1,525 42
Due on tax bill 1877 as per auditors' report, 1878.....	\$14,400 76	

Abatements made by civil authority	\$	531	13
Received from collector		10,774	69
Due collector for overpayments, 1875-6		126	16
Due collector for collection fees		1,588	42
Balance due town		1,380	36
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	\$14,400	76	\$14,400 76
Tax bill of 1878	\$32,107	25	
Received from collector		\$21,252	26
Abatements made by civil authority.		399	93
Due collector for collection fees		1,268	29
Balance due town		9,186	77
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	\$32,107	25	\$32,107 25

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF DOG LICENSE FUND.

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance forward from last report	\$ 13	00
To cash received of town clerk on account licenses issued	691	15
By paid orders for damages and expenses as follows :		
No. 91, 1877, to B. R. Greeno		\$ 10 00
" 92, " " Edward Shields		3 00
" 65, 1878, " Frank Smith		25 00
" 66, " A. B. Reynolds		6 00
" 67, " John H. Mead		10 00
" 68, " Frank Hale		5 00
" 69, " Samuel Boardman		8 00
" 70, " Carlton Giddings		1 00
" 71, " Wm. M. Field		1 00
" 72, " H. H. Dyer		3 30
" 73, " Samuel Hayward		1 20
Amount unexpended carried to general account		630 65
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	\$704	\$704 15

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance forwarded from last report.....	\$	25	11
Cash of Lorenzo Sheldon, rent school lot, 1873-6.		40	00
“ Patrick Keenan, “ “ 1877...		25	00
“ H. L. Cheney, “ “ 1877...		5	00
“ Samuel J. Griggs, “ “ 1877...		10	00
“ Lorenzo Sheldon, “ “ 1877...		10	00
“ H. E. Green, “ “ 1878...		5	00
“ Interest on U. S. surplus fund.....		1,194	34
“ Geo. Willis, collector, on tax of 1877....		2,935	58
“ “ “ “ 1878....		990	05
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		\$5,240	08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid order to District No. 1.....	\$	155	06
“ “ 2.....		93	77
“ “ 3.....		142	00
“ “ 4.....		77	85
“ “ 5.....		74	00
“ “ 6.....		82	50
“ “ 7.....		733	98
“ “ 8.....		95	80
“ “ 9.....		74	38
“ “ 10.....		133	25
“ “ 11.....		240	93
“ “ 12.....		75	47
“ “ 13.....		75	21
“ “ 14 ..		177	49
“ “ 15.....		78	48
“ “ 16.....		86	44
“ “ 21.....		227	14
“ “ Graded District.....		1,363	76
“ “ Central District.....		142	76

Paid order to Pittsford District 18.....	26 66
“ Mendon District 3.....	36 62
Balance in treasurer's hands	1,046 53
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	\$5,240 08

There is due the school fund :—

Balance of tax on list of 1878.....	\$1,580 47
Interest on U. S. surplus fund.....	1,194 34
From H. L. Cheney, for rent, 1878..	5 00
From Patrick Keenan, for rent, 1878..	25 00
From L. F. Goodrich, for rent, 1877-8.	24 00
From L. F. Goodrich, note and interest	99 12
From Lorenzo Sheldon, for rent, 1878..	10 00
From John Hanley, 2d, for rent, 1876-8	30 00
From A. B. Reynolds, for rent, 1875-8.	160 00
From S. W. Mead, for rent, 1876-8...	120 00
From S. J. Griggs, for rent, 1878. . .	10 00
From E. G. Chatterton's estate, balance and interest.....	10 35

HENRY F. FIELD, Treasurer.

Rutland, Vt., Feb. 18, 1879.

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS OUTSTANDING.

NO.				
102	Feb. 28, 1878,	H. R. Dyer.....	\$	1 60
247	March 11, 1875,	School District No. 7.....		90
269	Aug. 3, 1875,	John Griffin.....		100 00
173	July 19,	H. H. Baxter.....		1,016 75
301	Nov. 27,	Gideon Fenn.....		3,000 00
307	Dec. 28,	C. A. Moore.....		1,300 00
331	Jan. 8, 1876,	do.....		850 00
332		J. W. Bailey.....		2,000 00
347	22,	Clerk District No. 21.....		5 10
348	Feb. 1,	Sheldons & Slason.....		33 50
369	March 4,	J. M. Putnam.....		300 00
370		Reed & Clark.....		2 00
7	May 13,	J. D. Hanrahan.....		342 87
29	Aug. 19,	People's Gas Co.....		54 90
60	Dec. 27,	George N. Pitts....		2 50
70	Jan. 10, 1877,	Rutland Mfg. Co.....		3 60
72	11,	R. & H. Smith.....		11 50
73		Dr. Draper.....		837 34
88	Feb. 1,	B. R. Greeno.....		30 79
99	3,	Dr. Goldsmith.....		30 00
102		W. H. Smith.....		198 39
2	March 1,	J. K. Williams.....		1 05
5	22,	G. A. Mietzke.....		250 00
6	23,	C. H. Granger.....		20 00
18	May 26,	Globe Paper Co.....		88 75
28	June 27,	M. J. Francisco.....		100 00
83	Dec. 15,	Dr. Mead.....		8 00
108	Feb. 2, 1878,	J. S. Holden.....		15
111		J. D. Brewster.....		1 50
114		F. S. Warner.....		3 15
115		W. H. Lester.....		60
116		G. Thrall.....		3 75
118		W. H. Lester.....		30
120		Dunn & Cramton.....		37 76
140	15,	O. L. Robbins.....		118 80
142		W. H. Smith ..		165 68
5	March 16,	Samuel Boardman..		300 00
10	22,	Franklin Billings.....		2 25
13	April 6,	C. H. Granger ..		108 50
28	June 29,	Tuttle & Co ..		140 66
57	Dec. 14,	People's Gas Light Co....		13 60
65	25,	Frank Smith.....		25 00
66		A. B. Reynolds..		6 00
67		J. H. Mead.....		10 00
68		Frank Hale.....		5 00
69		Samuel Boardman.....		8 00
70		Carlton Giddings..		1 00
71		Wm. M. Field ..		1 00
72		H. H. Dyer.....		3 30

73		Samuel Hayward	1 20
74		Samuel Boardman.....	23 00
77	Jan'y. 11, 1879,	O. L. Robbins....	332 40
82	18,	Herald & Globe Association	11 00
87	29,	Silas Giddings.....	1 20
94	Feb'y 8,	Davis & Gould..	7 50
98	15,	C. H. Granger.....	100 00
99		Admr. A. A. Nicholson's est	1 00
101		Edward Tulipèr	6 00
102		M. & H. O. Edson.....	127 55
103		Franklin Billings.....	2 70
104		Sutherland Falls Marble Co.	6 35
105		A. D. Slack.....	6 00
106	17,	M. G. Everts.....	98 94
107		Mansfield & Stimson.....	13 79
108		H. H. Dyer.....	10 00
109		H. H. Dyer..	2 25
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			\$12,296 42

OVERSEER'S ORDERS OUTSTANDING.

No.		
343	E. C. Lewis.....	\$ 5 75
399	John Devine.....	8 00
111	J. W. Crampton.....	134 00
152	Magen & Thompson.....	105 13
170	Gilson, Clement & Woodfin.....	45 50
155	R. Spaulding.....	36 00
168	G. D. Millington.....	160 50
56	S. E. Smith.....	287 77
206	Thomas Welch.....	10 00
233	J. Kennedy.....	16 00
247	P. McManus.....	69 00
249	M. Newton.....	88 08
251	Tuttle & Co.....	326 21
253	B. H. Burt.....	41 63
258	J. Sage.....	15 00
268	D. H. Smith.....	500 00
269	J. & T. Caden.....	98 00
272	W. H. Woodward...	308 00
289	W. C. Landon.....	136 60
281	A. Cyr.....	31 00
17	T. Clark.....	9 50
18	H. S. Gleason.....	12 57
27	P. Callaghan.....	33 60
35	Hall & Vaughan.....	46 00
42	N. P. Simons.....	12 00
6	B. W. Marshall.....	10 00
9	R. R. Thrall.....	86 43

26	Dr. Haynes.....	10 00
38	John Magen.....	5 00
56	B. & D. C. Billings.....	92 00
67	R. C. Thrall.....	100 00
70	R. C. Thrall.....	232 50
180	D. H. Smith.....	250 00
183	A. Cyr.....	1 11
184	F. A. Morse.....	65 74
8	Artemas Ward.....	20 00
197	Dunton & Hayward.....	8 98
75	W. H. Woodward.....	118 00
76	W. H. Woodward.....	51 84
104	Rutland Marble Co.....	48 00
130	Rutland Marble Co.....	35 00
136	H. E. Tuttle & Co.....	19 82
138	W. H. Woodward.....	189 65
148	J. D. Hanrahan.....	25 00
153	S. H. Griswold.....	5 00
154	Robert Stewart.....	98 00
155	Robert Stewart.....	83 00
158	A. White.....	2 00
160	D. H. Smith.....	125 00
167	E. A. Morse.....	3 50
169	Herald & Globe.....	2 00
172	W. C. Landou.....	5 78
176	E. Pierpoint.....	35 00
177	A. O. Cunningham.....	15 15
185	Charles Olmstead.....	8 50
187	Edward O'Neil.....	49 50
189	Thomas Cooney.....	4 50
190	Rutland Marble Co.....	30 00
193	Mullen Bros.....	6 00
194	C. H. Campbell.....	8 50
195	Pat. Calaghan.....	24 90
198	John Magen.....	12 86
201	H. E. Tuttle & Co.....	58 50
205	J. A. Mead.....	50 00
206	Henry Brown.....	25 00
207	Dunton & Hayward.....	12 25
208	Michael Quin.....	14 50
212	Anthony Austin.....	23 25
213	Samuel Hayward.....	40 50

\$4,648 10

AUDITORS' REPORT.

TO THE TAX PAYERS OF THE TOWN OF RUTLAND :

The undersigned, Auditors for the current year, ending February 19, 1879, most respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of your Selectmen, Treasurer, and Overseer of the Poor, and that proper vouchers were shown for all disbursements, and the accounts found correct. We have cancelled all orders, coupons and bonds paid by the Treasurer during the year, and all vouchers for the orders drawn by the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the town :

LIABILITIES.

20 Bonds of \$500 each, due 1878.....	\$10,000 00
20 " 500 " " 1879.....	10,000 00
20 " 500 " " 1880.....	10,000 00
10 " 100 " " 1881.....	1,000 00
18 " 500 " " 1881.....	9,000 00
10 " 100 " " 1882.....	1,000 00
18 " 500 " " 1882.....	9,000 00
10 " 1,000 " " 1883.....	10,000 00
3 " 500 " " 1884.....	1,500 00
10 " 1,000 " " 1884.....	10,000 00
Surplus fund borrowed.....	19,905 75
Interest on the same.....	1,194 34
Overseer of the Poor orders unpaid.....	4,648 10
Coupons unpaid... ..	578 50
Interest on outstanding orders (estimated)....	2,000 00
Selectmen's orders unpaid.....	10,481 54
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	\$110,308 28

RESOURCES.

Due on tax bill, 1877.....	\$1,380 36
" " 1878	9,186 77
*Due from Collector on account of 1-40 abatement and excess of State tax book 1875-8....	2,803 75
†Notes due on sale of town farm ..	2,500 00
Notes, John E. Fisk and C. G. Lester..	381 40

Notes, A. A. Mills and others	250 00
Note, S. W. Mead	300 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	10 76
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	\$16,813 04
Liabilities in excess of resources	\$93,495 19
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	\$110,308 23
†Indebtedness in February, 1878, was... ..	\$105,337 73
† " " 1879, is	93,495 19

Decrease of indebtedness during the year..... \$11,842 54

†Not all due and should not be considered a resource for current purposes unless it should be thought best to sell the notes.

‡After deducting resources.

*Collection fees, and future allowances for abatements to be deducted.

LIABILITIES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

Town bonds due in 1878, unpaid.	\$10,000 00
" " 1879	10,000 00
Interest on surplus fund	1,194 34
Selectmen's orders outstanding	10,481 54
Overseer of the Poor orders outstanding	4,648 10
Interest on outstanding orders, (estimated)....	2,000 00
Coupons due and unpaid.. .	578 50
Coupons falling due in 1879	3,840 00
Estimated expenses for support of poor	6,000 00
Estimated ordinary expenses of the town for the current year	5,000 00
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	\$53,742 48

The grand list for 1878 amounted to \$37,892.64, and there does not appear to be any reason for supposing that there will be any marked variation from that sum this year.

H. H. BROWN, }
S. W. ROWELL, } *Auditors,*
G. H. CHENEY, }

STATEMENT of Criminal Cases prosecuted before J. E. LEONARD, a justice of the peace in and for the County of Rutland, since Dec. 1st, 1877, where the fines and costs were adjudged payable to the town of Rutland.

DATE.	NAME.	COMPLAINT.	FINE.	COST.	DISPOSAL.
Dec. 8, 1877	John Collins,	Breach of peace	\$ 2 00	\$ 6 48	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 26,	Geo. Meacham,	Ind. exposure,		7 46	Discharged by court,
Jan. 10, 1878	Patrick Rice,	Assault,	2 00	8 48	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 26,	Thos. Brown,	Vagrancy,		7 50	Six months in jail.
" 26,	Thos. Brown,	Assault,	50	8 24	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
Mar. 16,	Wm. Mochan,	"	1 00	7 03	Paid in court.
" 17,	Mich. McGarry	"	1 00	8 50	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
Apr. 13,	Mich. Mullin,	"	3 00	12 96	Appealed.
" "	Pat. O'Niele,	Breach of peace		11 70	Discharged by court.
" "	Mich. Welsh,	"		11 70	"
" "	Jno. Cooney,	"		11 44	"
" "	Pat. Gaffeny,	"		12 26	"
May 2,	Jno. Hannon,	Assault,	10 00	21 58	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 3,	B. Flanigan,	Breach of peace		6 54	Nol pros. by G. Juror.
" 8,	A. Thornton,	"		6 63	Discharged by court.
" "	Mich. McGarry	"		6 63	"
" "	Pat. Gallagher,	"		6 63	"
" "	Wm. Gallagher	"		6 63	"
June 4,	Pat. Gillraine,	"	50	7 90	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 15,	Thos. Cooney,	"		18 98	Tried by Jury and dis.
" 15,	Thos. Burke,	Assault,	5 00	13 42	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 19,	Mary Rice,	Breach of peace		7 88	Discharged by court.
July 5,	Mrs. W. Ingram	Assault,	5 00	7 08	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 5,	Jas. Gallagher,	Breach of peace		6 74	Discharged by court.
" 15,	Frank Duby,	"	3 00	8 42	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 22,	John Penders,	Assault,		12 58	Nol pros. by G. Juror.
" "	J. Penders, Jr.,	"	3 00	12 92	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 23,	Chas. McGuiley	Breach of peace	1 00	14 04	Appealed.
" 23,	Patrick Patton,	"	1 00	13 74	"
" 23,	Peter Gilligan,	"	1 00	13 74	"
Aug. 3,	Geo. Roberts,	"		6 54	Discharged by court.
" "	Wm. Roberts,	"		6 54	"
" "	Jos. Cleveland,	"		15 52	Nol pros. by G. Juror.
" 16,	Thos. Welch,	Assault,		7 98	Discharged by court.
" "	Thos. Welch,	"	5 00	9 64	Mit. to E. C. Fish.
" 17,	Jos. Cleveland,	Breach of peace	1 00	7 80	"
" 23,	John Hackett,	Assault,	5 00	9 64	"
" "	John Gorman,	Breach of peace	5 00	9 64	"
" "	Pat. Gallagher,	"	5 00	9 64	"
" "	Mich. McGarry	"	2 00	8 42	"
Sept. 7,	Jas. Gallagher,	Theft,	1 00	6 26	"
" "	H. Gallagher,	"	1 00	6 26	"
" "	C. Gallagher,	"	1 00	6 26	"
" "	John Dorsey,	"	1 00	6 26	"
" "	John Kelley,	"	1 00	6 26	"
" 9,	Mich. Green,	Larceny,		9 76	Nol pros. by G. Juror.
Oct. 29,	Wm. Shangro,	Assault,	5 00	8 60	Appealed.
" "	Pat. O'Brien,	"		10 72	Discharged by court.
Nov. 16,	John Conlon,	Breach of peace	3 00	14 44	Committed to W. H.
" "	Frank Merchan	"	3 00	12 04	Appealed.
				\$77 00	\$484 07

I hereby certify that the above is a true statement of all cases tried by me, from December 1st, 1877 to date, with judgment rendered and the amount of fines and costs, and the disposition of each case in which the town of Rutland is interested.

J. E. LEONARD, *Justice of the Peace.*

Rutland, Vt., November 30th, 1878.

STATEMENT of Criminal Cases prosecuted before GEORGE W. WARREN, a
Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Rutland, for the year ending
November 30th, 1878, in which the town of Rutland is interested.

DATE.	NAME.	COMPLAINT.	FINE.	COST.	DISPOSAL.
Dec. 11, 1877	C. W. Smith,	Larceny,		\$ 7 80	Nolle pros.
" 15,	Wm. Howard,	Vagrancy,		7 75	Mit. to Alexander.
" 15,	Frank Nash,	"		7 75	"
Jan. 21, 1878	B. J. Flynn,	Assault,	\$10 00	10 06	Appealed to Co. Court.
" 22,	Wm. Conners,	Vagrancy,		5 16	Discharged.
" 28,	Geo. Toubos,	"		7 75	Mit. to McGown.
Feb. 23,	Wm. Clifford,	Breach of peace	1 00	5 72	Paid to Court.
" 25,	Andrew Smith,	Vagrancy,		5 50	Mit. to Crawford.
" 25,	Pat. Sheridan,	Assault,	10 00	14 21	Mit. to Alexander.
" 27,	Wm. Smith,	Vagrancy,		7 75	"
Mar. 4,	Mattie Farr,	"		7 10	Mit. to McGown.
" 4,	John Roberts,	"		5 16	Discharged.
" 6,	Geo. Dewey,	"		10 35	"
" 7,	Daniel Ryan,	Breach of peace	1 00	7 16	Paid to court.
" 7,	A. Vandal,	Vagrancy,		7 75	Mit. to Crawford.
" 18,	Morgan Jones,	"		8 31	Mit. to Putnam.
" 18,	D. McNamara,	Breach of peace	3 00	5 72	Paid to court.
" 18,	J. B. Murphy,	"	3 00	5 72	"
Apr. 10,	Ed. Benway,	Vagrancy,		5 72	Discharged.
May 1,	M. Bailey,	Viol. of d'g-law	15 00	15 26	Appealed.
" 3,	Geo. Morgan,	Vagrancy.		7 75	Mit. to Putnam.
" 13,	James Barrett,	Breach of peace	8 00	9 00	Paid to court.
" 13,	A. Maxam,	"	3 00	9 00	"
" 13,	Joseph Cline,	"	10 00	9 00	"
" 20,	J. Dougherty,	Vagrancy,		5 16	Discharged.
" 31,	D. Cornine,	Breach of peace	10 00	8 88	Mit. to Hussey.
June 1,	J. D. Spillman,	"	3 00	5 36	Paid to court.
" 4,	M. Howard,	"	3 00	5 36	"
" 6,	Catherine Rix,	"		5 16	Discharged.
" 11,	M. A. Gokey,	"	5 00	6 72	Paid to court.
" 11,	Israel Guard,	"	5 00	7 06	Mit. to Stearns.
" 14,	Ellen Dubois,	Petty Larceny,	5 00	10 28	Paid to Court.
" 19,	Chas. Coppens,	"	5 00	11 38	"
July 1,	C. J. Cocklin,	Breach of peace	1 00	7 84	"
" 2,	William Day,	Vagrancy,		9 22	Sen. to 20 days in jail.
" 2,	Wm. Morris,	"		9 22	" 15 "
" 2,	James Mackey,	"		9 22	" 15 "
" 2,	Ed. Driskoll,	"		9 22	" 15 "
" 2,	Geo. Hayden,	"		9 22	" 15 "
" 2,	John Austin,	"		9 22	" 5 "
" 2,	Chas. Murphy,	"		9 22	" 5 "
" 2,	Thomas Ryan,	"		9 22	" 5 "
" 2,	John Clifford,	"		9 22	" 5 "
" 9,	Thos. C. Fox,	Breach of peace	3 00	18 44	Paid to court.
" 6,	D. A. Hilliard,	Assault,	3 00	7 00	"
" 12,	Wm. Meehan,	Vagrancy,		11 38	1 month hard labor.
" 12,	George Fisher,	"		11 38	" " "
" 12,	William Kelley,	"		11 38	" " "
" 12,	Jas. Sullivan,	"		11 38	40 days " "
" 12,	M. Monahan,	"		11 38	" " "
" 12,	Dennis Dwyer,	"		9 44	Discharged.
" 12,	Mary Lawlor,	Bre'h imp. cow	3 00	6 06	"
" 20,	John McGown,	Assault,	1 00	9 06	Appealed.
" 22,	Israel Guard,	Breach of peace	3 00	7 18	Paid to court.
" 25,	Daniel White,	Vagrancy,		6 76	1 month hard labor.
" 25,	John O'Neil,	"		6 76	" " "
" 27,	John Holden,	Petty Larceny,	5 00	9 37	Mit. to Stearns.
" 29,	D. Cornine,	Breach of peace	3 00	8 75	"
" 29,	Ed. Flynn,	"	5 00	5 72	Paid to court.
Aug. 3,	Zeb. Gokey,	Assault,	5 00	13 29	Committed.
" 30,	Chas. Winters,	"	10 00	10 66	"
Sept. 27,	Frank Burt,	Vagrancy,		7 06	Mit. to Hussey.
Oct. 5,	Fred. Pitts,	Breach of peace	3 00	6 46	Paid to court.
" 5,	Pat. Murphy,	"	3 00	5 50	Mit. to Stearns.
" 8,	J. F. Walker,	"	3 00	5 46	Paid to court.

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CASES, &c.—Continued.

DATE.	NAME.	COMPLAINT.	FINE.	COST.	DISPOSAL.
Nov. 2,	John Scanlon,	Breach of peace	\$10 00	\$ 6 02	Paid to court.
" 4,	J. McNamara,	" "	5 00	6 72	" "
" 7,	Thos. Crowley,	" "	1 00	9 32	Mit. to Fish.
" 11,	Mich. Heyher,	" "	10 00	7 36	Mit. to Hussey.
" 18,	Napole'n Pecor	" "	10 00	6 36	Mit. to Crawford.
" 21,	Thos. Merriam,	" "	10 00	6 02	Paid to court.
" 29,	J. B. Murphy,	" "	3 00	6 16	" "
" 29,	James Daly,	" "	3 00	6 16	" "
			203 00	\$606 01	

I certify that the foregoing is a true statement of all cases tried by me, from December 8th, 1877, to date, with judgment rendered, and the amount of fines and costs, and the disposition of each case in which the town of Rutland is interested.

GEO. W. WARREN, *Justice of the Peace.*

Rutland, Vt., November 30th, 1878.

NOTE.

The law of 1878 provides for a committee of five on text books for use in the public schools. The town superintendent ex-officio; two to be elected by the graded school district, and two, for the term of five years, by the town at the ensuing March meeting.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

A report, though a requirement of law, from the Superintendent of Schools for the town of Rutland is not frequently presented. The novelty, if not the worth or necessity of such a document, at the present time may interest the tax payers of the town.

The little attention given to our public schools, outside graded districts or populous communities, and the general apathy concerning them do not add to their utility, or successful progress. That the common school continues to be one of our most cherished institutions does not appear from their growing indifference. I believe that a yearly report commendatory or critical, of all the schools, would add much to their efficiency, and acting upon this belief I respectfully submit the following as the result of a personal inspection of the several schools in town during the current school year.

In nearly every school district the school buildings are in good repair, neat, convenient and well furnished, thus exhibiting the liberality and good sense of the residents.

There are 18 districts in town outside the graded district. District 7, West Rutland, has five school departments and four hundred pupils. A central school is also sustained in this district with sixty pupils. District 21, West Rutland, employs two teachers and has one hundred pupils. District 11, Center Rutland, has two departments and ninety pupils. District 14, at Sutherland Falls, has primary and secondary schools with one hundred pupils. District 1 has two schools and registers one hundred pupils. Districts 3 and 10 are next in importance, reporting sixty pupils each. Districts 2, 5, 6 and 8 have an attendance ranging between twenty and thirty. Districts 9, 12, 13, 15 and 16 register from twelve to fifteen pupils. Eleven hundred and thirty children of all ages attend the public schools outside the graded district. Twenty-five teachers are employed in these schools. If evenly distributed this would give an average of forty five pupils to a teacher.

The graded district has seventeen teachers and eight hundred

and twenty-five pupils—average to each teacher forty-two. Total number of pupils in public schools, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five—general average, forty-six. Districts 1, 5, 7 (excepting central school), 9, 12, 15 and 21 have retained the same teachers throughout the year. The other districts have employed different teachers for different terms. Sixty-three persons made application for license to teach during the year. Fifty-three passed the requisite examination and received certificates. Thirty-one of these attended the spring examination, four the fall examination, and eighteen at other times. Ten applicants for certificates failed to secure the required percentage on the written examinations. The list of questions prepared by the town Superintendents at the April meeting, though practical and simple, were found too difficult by many teachers of primary schools. This fact would seem to call for another grade of certificates particularly adapted to the requirements of this class of teachers. Our school laws are defective in this respect, as well as in other directions. A statute exempts the principals of high schools from the duty of procuring licences to teach. This sensible provision should also extend to teachers of long and successful experience, whose practical work is a test of their qualifications; but until new laws are made which will obviate this irksome necessity, it is certainly advisable to comply cheerfully and gracefully with the statute.

Of the general order and discipline of our schools no very flattering report can be made. In schools composed of an average number of pupils, these should be made the first and most important principles. The Rutland graded school, under the constant supervision of an efficient school board, are an improvement in this direction, contrasting them with other schools in the town. There are other schools, also, outside the graded district, that deserve particular commendation for their orderly appearance, but generally speaking, many otherwise progressive schools, lacking this great essential to success, did not appear to good advantage. I found some teachers so deeply impressed with outside opinions regarding lax and stringent school laws or

rules that it was not strange to find those teachers the mastered instead of the masters.

Success in the school, it is well understood, depends, in a great measure, on good order and perfect discipline. Following these, thoroughness in every subject taught, is of the first importance. Visit in succession the several schools of a town, and you will be surprised to find how little practicability there is about them. The fundamental principles are hurried over and neglected. The pupil is allowed to pass on while these remain unmastered ; hence he becomes a wavering and uncertain subject in everything he attempts. Mental calculations and analyses of numbers are not required of *advanced classes*. These are dropped at the door of the primary school. The slate and blackboard become substitutes for all mental effort. This is a great mistake. Every pupil in our common schools, no matter of what grade or age, should be drilled mentally on every commercial theme within the covers of his arithmetic until he can apply them practically and understandingly to every day business.

Book keeping, combining as it does, the principles of numbers, orthography, grammar and penmanship, in an attractive manner, should be introduced into all schools, and the pupil taught the practical utility of these branches, in connection with the business of every day life.

Our language can be much more successfully and expeditiously taught than it now is. There are text books upon the subject whose every lesson requires a written expression of the pupil's own thoughts. The years given to parrot like memorizing of conjugations and abstruse principles, may be devoted to the real, practical applications of those principles in written composition. Many children are deprived of the advantages of a full graded school course, or even of a partial one. These pupils must leave school entirely ignorant of the simplest usages of their own language. This need not be.

By new methods and judicious instruction every child may become practically familiar with sentence building, letter writing, use of capitals and punctuation, etc., in one-fourth the time ordinarily spent in acquiring a practical knowledge of them.

The work of our common schools can be made much more expeditious, thorough and practical, and the money invested for their support be made to return a larger dividend. As an important step in this direction efficient and careful school officers should be elected and *retained* in office in every school district. Constantly recurring new officials and new teachers demoralize and destroy the utility of schools. In every district there are men or *women* eminently qualified to look after and further the school interests thereof. Keep such persons in office; let no little, petty local jealousies rob the community of their services. Elect them and then support them in every measure tending to the welfare of the schools. Experience is the herald of success. The maxim that "the best is the cheapest," applies to schools as well as to articles of wear and consumption. When good schools are organized in a district, is it not better to pay a little more for their proper maintenance than to sacrifice everything on the principle of cheap economy? Teachers who possess the tact to govern well and to instruct properly and profitably, and who aspire to the highest possible mark in their profession, should be *encouraged* to take charge of our schools and to remain in them, not only for a term or for a year, but until the fruits of their experience shall become apparent in the neighborhood. Indeed, I believe that this is the only method by which thorough efficiency and perfect discipline can be secured in the public schools. It may cost a little more but who can calculate the returns? A novelty every term in the school room may interest the children, but will add very little to their intellectual growth. Teachers of the butterfly order, flit from district to district, here to-day, somewhere else to-morrow, whose cheap services are always at the disposal of some economical committeeman who has an eye to the financial emancipation of the district, rather than its educational progress. Teachers, who enter the public schools for a term or two on the "easy adaptability" plan, will work cheaply and do cheap work, and make our schools but stepping stones to some vocation or condition more profitable or desirable.

We will have better schools when the exact sphere and compass of each grade becomes an established fact ; when the district which has the good fortune to secure the services of a normal, high school or college graduate, insists that he shall ride no hobbies outside the legitimate course of study, and lay full stress upon the fact that all the prestige of Virgil, Milton or Ollendorf can not atone for a neglected multiplication table. Our common schools will be better when their patrons and supporters become more particular and fastidious about the character and the quality and the *quantity* of the persons to whom they confide the tender and impressionable minds of youth ; when parental influence is felt in the school as well as at home, and the child's progress in learning and morals is not measured from the teacher's standard of qualifications alone.

J. E. LEONARD,

Rutland, February, 1879.

Town Superintendent.

NOTICE.

The legal voters in town meeting of the town of Rutland, are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall, in the village of Rutland, at 10 o'clock A. M., Tuesday the 4th day of March, A. D. 1879, to act upon the following matters, viz:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
- 2d. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
- 3d. To see if the town will vote to raise money by tax, or otherwise, to pay the current expenses, and the indebtedness of the town.
- 4th. To vote for County Commissioner.
- 5th. To see if the town will continue the authority given to the Selectmen to sell that portion of the town farm lying east of Tinmouth creek, so called, being eighty acres more or less, and if so, to appoint some one to deed the same.
- 6th. To see if the town will vote, either for the Selectmen to repair the Town Hall in East Rutland, or appoint a committee to do the same.
- 7th. To transact any other business that may be legal at this meeting.

H. H. DYER,
SAMUEL HAYWARD, } *Selectmen.*
SAMUEL BOARDMAN, }

Rutland, Vt., February 17th, 1879.